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1. BRITISH CONGEN DUNCAN HERE CONFIRMS INFORMATION FROM FCO OFFICIALS THAT MOZAMBIQUE WILL APPLY SANCTIONS ON JUNE 25. (OUR INFORMATION FROM FREE-GORE PRE-DATED BRITISH-FRELIMO TALKS.) ACCORDING TO DUNCAN, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTER JUDITH HART WAITED FOR MACHEL TO FLATLY ASSERT THIS INTENTION AND THEN MADE OFFER OF BRITISH ASSISTANCE, BEING CAREFUL TO AVOID REFERRING TO IT AS "COMPENSATION" FOR IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS. (COMMENT: LATTER POINT CORRESPONDS WITH STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER WILSON IN COMMONS ON MAY 13.)

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WM DUNCAN TOLD ME THAT ODM HART, AFTER RECEIVING UK TREASURY

APPROVAL, OFFERED 15 REPEAT 15 MILLION POUNDS ECONOMIC AID TO MOZAMBIQUE, WITHOUT SPECIFYING TIME PERIOD. DUNCAN SAID ORIGINAL THINKING IN LONDON WAS THAT 5 MILLION POUNDS WOULD BE ALLOCATED FOR FIRST YEAR IN DIRECT CONNECTION WITH IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS, WITH REMAINDER BEING PARCELED OUT AS NEEDED. HE HASTENED TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THIS THINKING MAY HAVE CHANGED AND AGREED WITH MY REMARK THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO ALLOCATE BULK OF 15 MILLION POUNDS IN FIRST TRANCHE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BRITISH EXPECTED OTHER COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS SUCH AS CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NIGERIA, ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA WOULD CONTRIBUTE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT AND THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT US AND POSSIBLY JAPAN WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO UN OFFSET FUND.

3. DUNCAN EMPHASIZED THAT HMG WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED AT AGREEMENT TO CEASE BEIRA PATROL AS OF JUNE 25. IT WAS NOT PLEASED WITH PRESS LEAKS ON SUBJECT, SINCE HMG WAS STILL THEORETICALLY RESPONSIBLE TO SECURITY COUNCIL FOR BEIRA PATROL. HMG DEFINITELY DID NOT WANT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS RHODESIA BUT, IF BEIRA PATROL CAME UP, BRITISH WOULD TAKE LINE THAT CONTINUATION OF PATROL WAS UNNECESSARY AND INDEED WOULD BE AN INSULT TO NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IN WHOM THEY HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

4. SINCE DUNCAN MAY HAVE BEEN TELLING ME MORE THAN HE SHOULD HAVE AND IN ORDER NOT TO MIX LINES OF INFORMATION, REQUEST ADDRESSEES TREAT ABOVE AS NOFORN.
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